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WHEREAS George and Joseph Newell, late of Lombard-street, Goldsmiths, having lived in Copartnership for some time in good Reputation and Credit, unfortunately became Security to Her Majesty for one Mr. George Dixon, late Receiver-General of Somersetshire, and for which Her Majesty's Mony received by the said Dixon was returned by Bills from Exeter thro' their Hands, to be paid into the Exchequer. And about the latter End of November last was Twelve-months, there happen'd an unusual Scarcity of Mony in Lombard-street: The said Dixon, at that unhappy Crisis of Time requir'd of the said Newells to make immediate Payment into the Exchequer of the Mony returned into their Hands; which Payment they assured him should be made in a very few Days, upon settling Accounts with some Persons, acquainting him of whom they were to receive the same, which the said Receiver seem'd satisfied with.

Notwithstanding this, in two or three Days after, two of the Agents for Taxes and the said Receiver came into the City about Exchange-time, and invited the said Newells to dine with them at the Swan Tavern in Exchange Alley, and after Dinner call'd in the Officers, and served an Extent upon them; and although the said Newells offered to go home with them, and deliver them up all their Effects, yet nothing would satisfy but the Seizure of both their Persons, and all their Goods, Books, and Effects, which accordingly they did, and committed them Prisoners to Newgate, where they still remain.

Soon after, by vertue of the said Extent, Inquisition was taken of all their Goods, Debts and Effects, to the value of above Thirty Thousand Pound: But that during their long Confinement, for want of their Assistance, as well in the Sale of their Effects, as in the speedy getting in of their several Debts, which lay in the Hands of above Six Hundred Persons, great Losses have since happen'd, by reason several of their Debtors have since proved insolvent, to the Number of above Sixty, and the Loss thereby sustained amounts to the Sum of Eleven Thousand Pounds and upwards.

The said Newells having deliver'd up all their Effects, that they have nothing left to subsist upon, but what they have from their Friends, whom they are likewise obliged to for the Support of their Families, that they are reduced to very great Hardships by reason of their long Confinement, which has not only very much impaired their Healths, but has been also very expensive to their Friends, and will in time render them incapable of providing either for themselves or Families.

But, to avoid Prolixity, it is not thought necessary to enumerate, in this Paper, all the Hardships they have undergone, since the beginning of their Misfortunes.

It is therefore humbly hoped the Honourable House of Commons will commiserate their unhappy Condition, in the great Losses they have already, and may hereafter sustain, by reason of their Confinement, before the remainder of their said Debts can be recovered, and give leave for the bringing in a Bill or Clause to empower the Lord High-Treasurer to make such Agreement with the Friends of the said Newells as his Lordship shall see fit, for what shall be wanting of the Debt to Her Majesty (on Account of the great Losses aforesaid) from which they cannot be otherwise discharged, by reason the Mony so due is by Act of Parliament appropriated.

Now it behoves the Newells (if possible) to procure a Bill or Clause, this Sessions of Parliament, to empower the Lord High-Treasurer to make a Composition with them, otherwise the utter Ruin of them and their Families must unavoidably ensue, and the Queen's Debt remain unsatisfy'd.

Therefore your favourable Countenance and Assistance is humbly entreated, in order to the Procurement of such a Bill or Clause, when their Petition shall be brought into the House; which great Favour and Obligation shall ever be gratefully acknowledged by them.

The Debt to the Treasury £ 22246: 8: 3
Cash in the Treasury hands and others to pay 4443: 5: 3

Now out of that said Mr. Gerriard Debt to the Newells for which he lies under an Extent in the said place who was equally Security with the Newells for the Receiver to the Treasury for a reason the Receiver's money was deposited in his hands, and by the said Receiver delivered into the Treasury where it appears Indebted to the said Newells at least 17803
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